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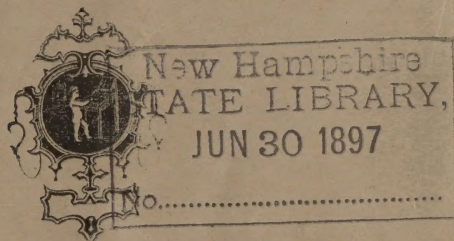
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# TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1877.

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OLIVER P. WILSON, TREASURER, to town of Dunbarton, March 1, 1877,		Dr.
To cash in treasury,		\$403.54
To cash received, Wm. B. Burnhams note,		251.53
To cash rec'd of D. T. Whipple, as bal. on Heath place,		77.60
To cash rec'd of Charles Brown, for support of county paupers,		103.50
To cash rec'd of Charles Brown, for plank,		1.25
Return of town, county, state, school, school-house, and non-resident highway tax,		3,694.42
In Manchester savings bank,		775.00
Received of railroad tax,		259.33
“ savings bank tax,		969.94
Literary money,		74.82
Dog tax,		81.00
Received for use of Hall,		7.93
		<hr/> \$6,699.86
March 1, 1878;		Cr.
By cash paid Thomas C. Ryder's note,		\$501.58
school districts,		1,210.65
county tax,		1,211.56
state tax,		1,276.00
due on Wm. H. Stinson's collection of 1877,		275.00
amount in Manchester savings bank,		499.43
of orders and receipts,		1,124.56
cash in treasury to balance,		601.08
		<hr/> \$6,699.86

Dunbarton, N. H., March 1, 1878.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

DANIEL H. PARKER, THOMAS W. KIMBALL, ENOCH P. MARSHALL,	}	Auditors.
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## The Selectmens Report for the year ending March 1st, 1878.

Amount of money tax assessed, including state, county, town, non-resident, highway, school-house, and dog taxes, and school money, for 1877,	\$3,775.42
State tax,	1,276.00
County tax,	1,211.56
School money,	1,210.65
Non-resident highway,	162.26
Dog tax,	81.00
School-house tax in district No. 6,	67.38

### DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

School district No. 1,	\$76.69
No. 2,	184.11
No. 3,	114.62
No. 4,	160.37
No. 5,	100.02
No. 6,	141.95
No. 7,	100.32
No. 8,	92.74
No. 9,	70.26
No. 10,	78.12
No. 11,	91.45
	\$1,210.65

### ORDERS GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN TO MARCH 1, 1878.

Oliver P. Wilson, town treasurer,	\$20.00
William H. Stinson, town-clerk,	24.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., selectman,	72.00
George O. Waite, selectman,	42.50
Isaac E. Sanborn, selectman,	36.75
William E. Spear, superintendent of schools for 1876,	50.00
A. J. Hopkins, " " 1877,	50.00
Samuel B. Hammond, moderator,	4.00
Daniel H. Parker, auditor,	2.00
Thomas W. Kimball, auditor,	2.00
David S. Ferson, auditor,	2.00
A. P. Hammond, tax collector, 1876,	18.00
W. H. Stinson, collector 1877, amount of 3 per cent discount on taxes to July 1st, as per town vote,	33.15

W. H. Stinson, collector 1877, amount of 2 per cent discount on taxes to Sept. 1st, as per town vote,	\$13.48
Charles Brown, expense of 6 curtains for hall, and putting up the same,	4.00
Charles Brown, expense of 3 curtains for selectmans room,	2.00
David S. Ferson, paid James G. Taggart for damage to carriage on Mill's hill, 1875,	4.00
Oliver P. Wilson, care of town-house, election of 1877,	4.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., expense of printing town reports 1876,	24.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., one order book,	1.25
Richard G. Wheeler, damage to sleigh,	6.00
Oliver P. Wilson, 1 dozen window locks and putting in the same for hall and selectmens room,	3.00
A. P. Hammond, abatement on his collection, 1876,	16.00
Charles Brown, two copies town officer, stationery, postage, blank books etc.,	17.00
Caleb Page, cash paid Referees in Ryder case,	15.00
W. H. Stinson, services as clerk at day of March election 1877,	1.50
Caleb Page, cash paid Dr. J. H. Gallinger for attendance, on settling Ryder case,	10.00
Caleb Page, paid Briggs and Huse for William and David H. Cochrane, for damage to horse and sleigh. and attorneys fee,	26.00
Joseph A. Chamberlen, for board of selectmen,	4.00
S. B. Hammond, paid Fred. L. Ireland for attendance on Ryder case,	.75
Joseph A. Chamberlen, for building wall at cemetery,	2.00
A. F. Carr, M. D., for return of births,	.50
Caleb Page and I. P. Clifford, for painting and repairing fence at Corner cemetery,	13.00
Charles Brown, labor on bridge near Samuel Kelly,	4.50
Lemuel N. Barnard, keeping Daniel Gregg and team over night,	1.50
John Page, lumber furnished for selectmens room, 1875,	1.51
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	\$531.39

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

J. B. Ireland, labor on highway, district No. 8,	\$4.83
Elmus Ordway, " " " 15,	1.50
Benn F. Marsh, " " " 4,	6.30
N. J. Colby and others, labor on highway, dist. No. 14,	11.35



Albe M. Smith, labor on highway, district No. 5,	\$18.45
George O. Waite, paid T. E. Lufkin, district No. 1,	8.50
A. P. Colby, labor on highway, district No. 6,	13.50
Tristram Barnard, " " " 6,	9.50
Benjamin Page, " " " "	21.00
Lewis H. Wilson, " " " 27,	27.00
Benn F. Marsh, " " " 4,	15.75
Joseph A. Chamberlen, labor on highway, dist. No. 6,	14.50
Lyman Woodbury, " " " 15,	1.60
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	\$153.73

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR BREAKING ROADS, WINTER OF 1876-7.

Daniel W. Merrill,	\$14.80
James E. Barnard,	2.00
John G. Greer,	1.00
John C. Mills,	12.50
Lemuel N. Barnard,	4.25
Sargent Colby,	5.00
Tristram Barnard,	2.80
William Hazeltine,	4.00
Caleb Page,	5.47
Elbridge C. Brown,	6.20
David A. Butterfield,	1.80
Benjamin Perley,	.40
Orren Law and others,	7.00
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	\$67.22

## ORDERS FOR FURNISHING WATER ON HIGHWAYS, 1877.

H. L. Burnham,	\$2.00
J. C. Mills,	3.00
Avery Saunders,	2.00
D. S. Ferson,	3.00
W. C. Stinson,	2.00
Stephen Hammond,	2.00
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	\$14.00

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David Hammell, for dog tax,	\$2.00
Thomas Mills, " " illegal,	1.00
Frank Mount, " "	1.00



Frank Mount, for dog and poll tax, 1875,	\$1.75
Willis T. Abbott, for dog tax, 1874,	1.00
Amos W. Hadley, " illegal, 1877,	1.00
John Leach, for poll tax, 1877,	.86
Richard P. Fitts, for illegal poll and school-house tax,	1.00
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	\$9.61

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR BOUNTIES ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Charles Brown, for 6 foxes and 2 hawks,	\$3.40
Caleb Page, " 6 " 4 "	3.80
Samuel B. Hammond, for 1 fox and 1 hawk,	.70
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	\$7.90

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR LUMBER FOR BRIDGES.

John Page, chestnut plank for bridge,	\$20.00
Charles Brown, lumber for bridge,	4.00
Benjamin Page, lumber for bridge,	20.00
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	\$44.00

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Amesden Barnard,	\$4.00
Avery Saunders,	4.00
Lyman Woodbury,	4.00
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	\$12.00

## ORDERS FOR EXPENSE OF PUBLIC TRAMPS.

Joseph A. Chamberlen, for boarding and lodging 17 tramps,	\$17.00
Mrs. U. M. Jameson, for boarding and lodging 14 tramps,	14.00
Thomas C. Capen, " " 2 "	2.00
Caleb Page, money furnished 2 tramps,	1.50
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	\$34.50

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR OVER-TAX.

Heirs of Benj. Huntington, 1876,	\$5.18
Patty C. Morse, 1877,	8.60
Henry P. Kelley, "	4.30

Alpheus Collins, 1877,	\$1.29
Solomon Heath,       “	.86
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	\$20.23

## EXPENSE OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid, Elizabeth R. Emerson, a county charge,	\$52.00
Laura Buzzell,                       “	39.00
F. C. Woodbury, for conveying Mary A Cunningham and goods to county farm,	7.00
Caleb Page, for services of Dr. A. R. Dearborn in Jameson family,	5.50
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Total,	\$103.50
Received of county commissioners,	\$103.50
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## OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Oliver P. Wilson, town treasurer,	\$20.00
William S. Twiss, town clerk,	21.90
Charles Brown, services as selectman,	63.75
Caleb Page,                       “       “	46.50
Samuel B. Hammond, services as selectman,	44.00
William H. Stinson,               “       tax collector,	24.00
Daniel H. Parker,               “       auditor,	2.00
Thomas W. Kimball,               “       “	2.00
Enoch P. Marshall,               “       “	2.00
Oliver P. Wilson, expense collecting Burnham's note,	5.00
Adams Roberts, for breaking roads, 1876-7,	4.30
John Page, for lumber furnished for bridge,	8.96
O. H. A. Chamberlen, for printing town reports,	24.00
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	\$268.41

## RECAPITULATION.

Cash in treasury,	\$601.08
“   savings bank,	499.43
Due on W. H. Stinson's collection, 1877,	275.00
Total,	<hr/>
	\$1,375.51
Outstanding bills held against the town,	268.41
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,107.10

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CALEB PAGE,	
SAMUEL B. HAMMOND,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Dunbarton.</i>

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to CHARLES BROWN, for services as  
Selectman, Dr.

1877.

March 15.	To 1-2 day at Concord to obtain counsel on Ryder case,	\$1.00
17.	1-2 day at T. C. Ryder's,	1.00
April 14.	1 day settling with T. C. Ryder, 12 days taking inventory and making out taxes,	2.00 24.00
	making collector's book and warrant, recording taxes,	1.50 3.00
June 2.	1 day looking over Solomon Heath estate,	2.00
Aug. 20.	1-2 day on town business,	1.00
31.	1-2 " "	1.00
Sept. 10.	drawing jurors and other business,	1.00
Oct. 6.	1-2 day on town business,	1.00
12.	looking up school report,	1.00
27.	1-2 day on town business,	1.00
Nov. 5.	1-2 day at Page's Corner on road business, making out highway surveyor appoint- ment and attending to same,	1.00 .75
8.	1 day at Concord on road business,	2.00
20.	1 day on town business,	2.00
21.	1 day at Manchester on pauper business,	2.00
27.	Concord on pauper business,	2.00
Dec. 29.	1-2 day regulating juror box,	1.00

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Feb. 7.	making out county pauper report,	2.00
8.	1 day at Concord settling with county commissioners,	2.00
21.	1 day making out check-list and war- rant, and posting same,	2.00
March 1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
2.	making out town report,	2.00
9.	drawing jurors and correcting check-list, recording town orders,	1.00 1.50

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\$63.75



TOWN OF DUNBARTON to CALEB PAGE, for services as  
Selectman, Dr.

1877.

March 17.	To 1-2 day at T. C. Ryder's,	\$1.00
April 7.	notifying referees in Ryder case,	1.50
9.	1 day viewing real-estate in East D.,	2.00
13.	1 day at Manchester on town business,	2.00
14.	1 day at T. C. Ryder's on settlement,	2.00
	11 days taking inventory and making taxes,	22.00
18.	1-2 day on town business,	1.00
June 2.	1 day viewing land of Solomon Heath,	2.00
Sept. 10.	drawing jurors and other business,	1.00
12.	1-2 day on road business,	1.00
Nov. 5.	" " Page's Corner,	1.00
28.	1-2 day at Concord on pauper business,	1.00
Dec. 29.	1-2 day at town-house revising juror box and other business,	1.00

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Feb. 7.	making county paupers report,	1.00
21.	1 day making check-list and warrant,	2.00
March 1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
2.	1 day making town report,	2.00
9.	1-2 day drawing jurors and correcting check-list,	1.00

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 \$46.50

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to SAMUEL B. HAMMOND, for services as  
Selectman, Dr.

1877.

March 17.	To 1-2 day at T. C. Ryder's,	\$1.00
April.	11 days taking invoice and making taxes,	22.00
6.	1 day at Goffstown,	2.00
9.	1 day viewing real-estate in East Dunbarton,	2.00
14.	1 day at T. C. Ryder's on settlement,	2.00
	1-2 day distributing surveyors warrants,	1.00
June 2.	1 day viewing land of Solomon Heath,	2.00
Sept. 10.	drawing jurors and other business,	1.00
Oct. 6.	1-2 day on road business,	1.00
Nov. 5.	1-2 day at Page's Corner on road business,	1.00
Dec. 29.	1-2 day revising juror box and writing orders,	1.00

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Feb. 7.	making out county pauper report,	1.00
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Feb.	21.	making check-list and warrants,	\$2.00
March	1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
	2.	1 day making out town report,	2.00
	9.	drawing jurors and regulating check-list	1.00
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			\$44.00

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to WM. S. TWISS, for services as  
Town-Clerk, Dr.

1877.

March.	To 1 1-4 days at spring election,	\$2.00
	notifying and qualifying town officers,	2.50
	assistance on enrollment, recording	
	and making return of same,	1.00
May.	recording and making return of births	
	and deaths,	5.25
	postage and stationery,	.90
	recording town business,	7.00
Sept.	2 drawings of jurors and notifying same,	2.50
Dec.	1-2 day on town business,	.75
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		\$21.90

Report of the Agent of the town hall. Dr.

Received of Stark Grange, for use of hall, .	\$20.12
Singing School,       “	13.80
Others,               “	8.00
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	\$41.92

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Paid for 2 1-2 cords wood,	\$11.25
24 gallons kerosene oil,	6.00
6 lamp chimneys,	.72
care of hall,	16.02
Cash paid into treasury,	7.93
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	\$41.92

OLIVER P. WILSON,

*Agent.*

# School Report.



In presenting the annual school report for the current year, I am aware of the difficulties to be encountered and avoided in attempting to give intelligibly and concisely a summary of the advantages and deficiencies of the different schools. To give in detail the working of each individual school for each term would perhaps be both instructive and profitable, but would occupy too much space for such a condensed report as this is expected to be.

I can therefore mention but a few things which are general in their application yet common to all the schools. One thing especially is worthy of notice and deserves to be commended; the pupils have manifested what may perhaps be best expressed by one word – docility. They have shown a disposition to learn and a respect for the teachers as capable of imparting the necessary instruction. Probably this is not at all unusual in the history of the schools but it is none the less creditable and advantageous; for the hindrances to rapid progress thus removed are innumerable.

The teachers also have been well sustained by the parents in the several districts, a fact alike creditable to all parties. The effort of the various prudential committees to secure the best teachers and to retain the same teacher for successive terms has been a deserved compliment to the teachers and proved exceedingly advantageous to the scholars.

At almost every school which I visited in the summer I heard complaints concerning the difficulty of interesting the pupils in reading. In some schools the older scholars were using a text-book on history as a reader and in others story books. Accordingly during the next term I introduced Harvey's readers which are both the cheapest and best of any series now to be obtained. In this connection I desire to renew the suggestions of my predecessors concerning the number of text-books illegally in use in different schools of the town; and that there may be no misapprehension on the part of parents or teachers the coming year I include in this report a list of the text-books required by law.

The one thing that I have dwelt upon in my visits to the different schools has been thoroughness. The true object to be aimed at in education is not simply to fill the pupils' minds with facts, but to develope their powers of mind that they may learn how to obtain the facts for themselves and be able to make good



use of such facts when obtained. Hence in the study of arithmetic, for instance, it is very little education that scholars have received, even though they may have gone through the book, if, at the close of the term they must look into the book, in order to see the rule and answer, before they can perform a given example. It is a source of great satisfaction to me that so many of the scholars have displayed this essential characteristic and proved their thoroughness in their recitations and examinations.

The following are brief notices of the individual schools under their respective teachers :—

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Emma L. Merrill who maintained good order and gave thorough instruction. This was her first school and she did well. Miss Emma J. Lord taught the second term and the examinations gave evidence of her faithfulness. A very marked improvement was manifest in some studies.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Alice P. Cilley taught the three terms in this district and has shown herself especially capable of managing a large school. This is at present the largest and best school in town ; and, with six terms under the same teacher, has come to possess many of the characteristics of a graded school.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

The first term was taught by Miss Mary E. Sargent, who showed that she possesses qualifications, which, united with experience, will make her successful as a teacher in any school. Miss Sarah M. Hammond began without previous experience to teach the second term and conscientiously strove to improve the scholarship of her pupils. Her success was well deserved.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Nettie I. Woodbury taught the summer and fall terms, and fully sustained her previous reputation as a teacher. There is certainly good evidence, that, in this district, the prudential committee knows how to appreciate talent. The winter term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Sylvester. Miss Sylvester is a graduate of the Concord High School, and her instruction during the term has been especially characterized by thoroughness. This is her first experience in teaching and she has made a good beginning.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms in this district were taught by Miss Clara A. Shaw of Fair Haven, Mass. Miss Shaw came well recommended and the school made good progress under her instruction.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term was taught by Miss Abbie C. Page, who fully justified the expectations of all the friends interested in the school. She says in her report, "This is a school, where, with patience and diligent labor, improvement is easily marked."

The above statement was abundantly confirmed during the winter term taught by Mr. M. K. Putney. Mr. Putney possesses rare power in awakening enthusiasm for study among his pupils, and hence his success was quite marked. A great improvement was noticeable especially in reading and mathematics.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Alice M. Hammond again was teacher during both terms. Miss Hammond is a good teacher, and did as well as any one could do with so small a school.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Both terms here were taught by Miss Emma L. Hammond. With one exception this is now the smallest school in town, but it had a teacher of the very highest scholarship.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

This school had but one term, a long fall term of 14 weeks, and was taught by Miss Anna White, a graduate of the Concord High School. Miss White had the misfortune to close her school with but one pupil; but the work done was thorough, and the teacher conscientious in the discharge of all her duties. To continue a separate school district where there is no certainty of more than one scholar, certainly seems a waste of money.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss Estelle Nute taught both terms in this district. This is a small school but it has some good scholars. Miss Nute tried hard to do well, and succeeded finely.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

Both terms here were taught by Miss Emma M. Burnham. This is, all things considered, the most trying school in town to teach, owing to the number of young children. Miss Burnham is a fine scholar, and displayed a vast amount of patience. The work done was good both in quantity and quality.

The following is a list of authorized text-books :-

Readers, Harvey's Series.	Spellers, Progressive.
Arith., Hagar's Com. School.	Grammar, Weld and Quacken-
" Eaton's Primary.	bos'.
History, Quackenbos'.	Geography, Warren's Series.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	TEACHERS.	No. of weeks of school.	Wages per month.	Whole No. of pupils.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Not absent a half day.	Visits by Superintendent school committee.	Visits by Prudential committee.	Visits by citizens and others.
1	Emma L. Merrill, .	8	\$12.00	12	10	29	1	3	2	1	22
1	Emma J. Lord, .	8	20.00	17	12 9-10	15	4	4	1	1	36
2	Alice P. Cilley, .	9	26.00	25	23	42	12	6	2	1	34
2	Alice P. Cilley, .	9	"	31	26 1-4	44	9	6	2	0	35
2	Alice P. Cilley, .	9	"	32	27 1-4	78	8	5	4	1	41
3	Mary E. Sargent, .	10	16.00	6	4 7-16	15	0	1	2	0	25
3	Sarah M. Hammond,	13	22.00	9	5 7-8	60	63	0	2	0	32
4	Nettie I. Woodbury,	8	18.00	10	8 29-40	3	0	1	3	0	12
4	Nettie I. Woodbury,	8	"	9	7 7-8	6	2	2	2	0	9
4	Lizzie M. Sylvester,	13	26.00	12	11	78	6	0	2	0	29
5	Clara A. Shaw, .	8	*	16	12	6	3	3	2	1	7
5	Clara A. Shaw, .	†	*	12	10	107	8	0	2	0	10
6	Abbie C. Page, .	10	20.00	21	18	58	20	3	2	0	12
6	Milton K. Putney, .	†	27.48	24	22 40-57	103	10	4	3	0	15
7	Alice M. Hammond,	9	16.00	7	5 3-4	18	3	3	3	0	22
7	Alice M. Hammond,	13	17.00	8	6 9-32	47	3	0	2	0	20
8	Emma L. Hammond,	7 2-5	20.00	9	6 29-36	37	7	0	2	0	4
8	Emma L. Hammond,	10	"	5	4 11-30	23	3	2	2	1	7
9	Anna White, .	14	"	8	3 4-7	27	4	0	2	0	4
10	Estelle Nute, .	7	12.00	7	5 6-7	2	0	5	2	0	9
10	Estelle Nute, .	9	20.00	6	5 6-7	3	0	3	2	1	12
11	Emma M. Burnham,	9	17.00	14	13 7-15	61	3	7	3	0	24
11	Emma M. Burnham,	11	18.00	18	15 4-5	130	15	1	3	1	29

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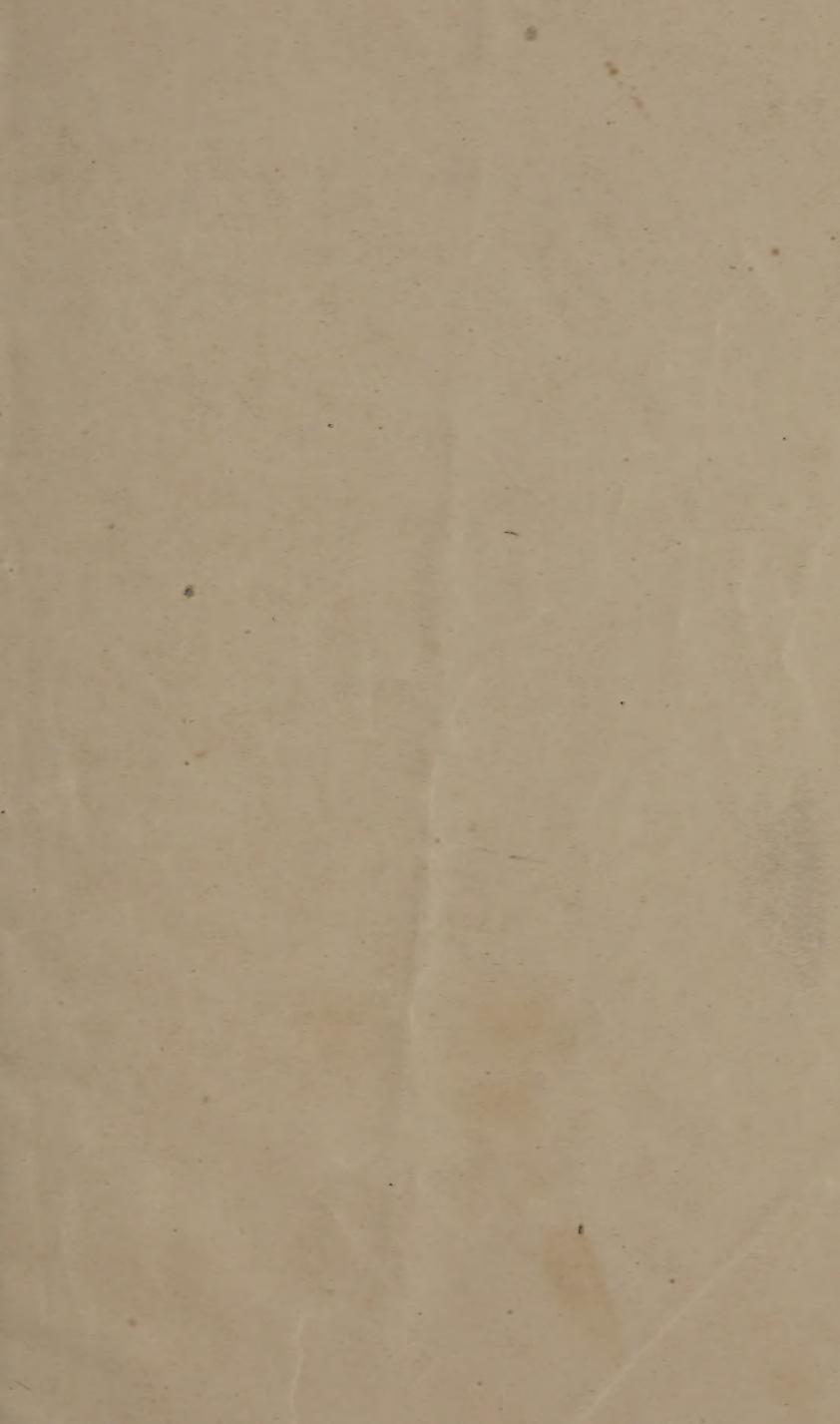
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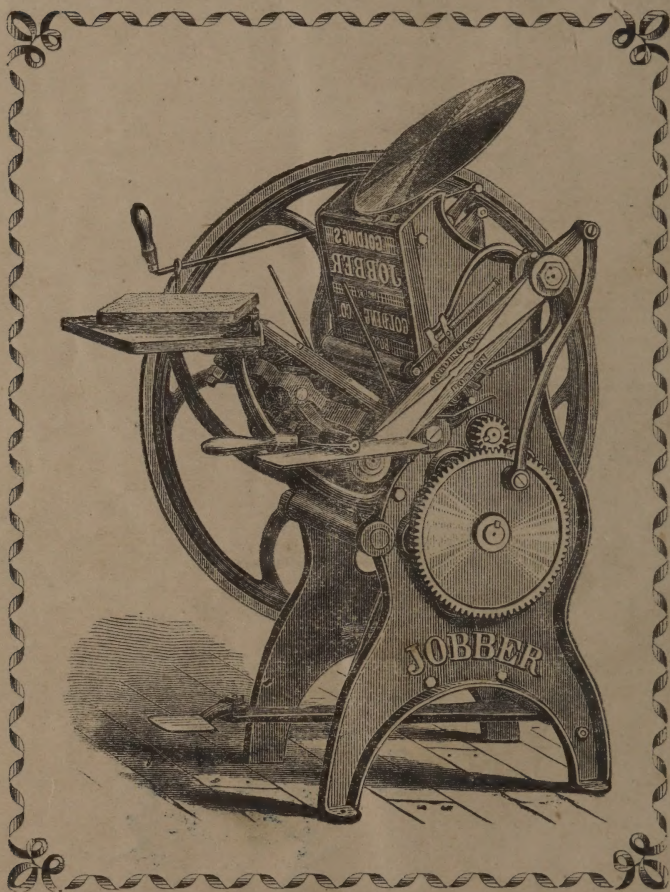
A. J. HOPKINS, *Superintendent.*







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